

Application No. 10/688,166
Amendment dated August 5, 2005
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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application is requested. The amended claims patentably distinguish the claimed inventions from the applied references because of the following reasons.

Pollock and Davison disclose liquid dispensing systems with storage units located below household water supplies. Neither Pollock, Davison, Fletcher, Lofgreen nor Hardy suggest nor provide any motivation for a resiliently biased normally closed control valve. Hardy, Davison, Pollock and Lofgreen discharge mixtures of household liquids and water through outlets of household water supplies. Pollock, Fletcher, Hardy, Davison and Lofgreen provide controls to releasably shut off household water supplies. Davison, Hardy and Lofgreen are directed to household shower systems.

Amended independent claims 1, 16, 17, 26 and 28 are directed to a laundry tub in combination with a liquid dispensing system having a remote storage unit mounted above the laundry tub for storing a household liquid and having a resiliently biased normally closed manual control for allowing a household liquid to mix with water. The manual control has a manual first operative position for allowing the household liquids to mix with the water and discharge the mixture and a releasably resiliently biased closed position for automatically terminating the mixing and discharge of the mixture.

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For the above reasons, it is believed that this application is in a condition to be passed for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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